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SUMMARY - MAIN POINTS IN THE JUNE 6 PRESS COVERAGE OF THE BRAZILIAN/GERMAN NUCLEAR ACCORD INCLUDE: A) MINISTERIAL CONFIRMATION THAT THE ACCORD WOULD BE SIGNED IN BONN ON JUNE 25 OR 26, AND NEGATIVE US REACTIONS WOULD NOT AFFECT THIS; B) THE NEW BRAZILIAN CORPORATE ENTITIES WHICH WILL CONTROL THE REACTORS AND ENRICHMENT FACILITY WILL HAVE PRIVATE CAPITAL PARTICIPATION; C) DEPT. SPOKESMAN'S COMMENT THAT US APPRE-HENSIONS HAVE NOT DIMINISHED; D) POSSIBLE FRENCH ASSISTANCE IN NUCLEAR SHIP PROPULSION; E) MORE REACTIONS BY GOVERNMENTAL UNCLASSIFIED

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AND POLITICAL FIGURES TO SENATOR PASTORE'S REMARKS; AND F)

A JOINT DECLARATION OF DISARMAMENT SIGNED BY PRESIDENT GEISEL
AND VISITING PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU OF ROMANIA. END SUMMARY

2. ON JUNE 6, BRAZIL'S TWO MAJOR NEWSPAPERS, O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO AND RIO'S O JORNAL DO BRASIL, CARRIED LEAD STORIES ON BRAZIL/GERMAN NUCLEAR ACCORD. BOTH PAPERS REPORTED THAT MINES & ENERGY MINISTER UEKI CONFIRMED ON JUNE 5 THAT FONMIN SILVIERA WOULD SIGN THE ACCORD ON JUNE 25 OR 26 DURING HIS VISIT TO BONN. UEKI WOULD NOT COMMENT ON THE CONTENT OF THE ACCORD. ACCORDING TO O ESTADO, SILVEIRA DISMISSED THE POSSIBILITY OF POSTPONING THE SIGNATURE OWING TO NEGATIVE US GOVERNMENTAL AND POLITICAL REACTIONS. O ESTADO ALSO REPORTED THAT MINES & ENERGY MINISTER UEKI DECISIVELY AFFIRMED THAT, AT THE CURRENT STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, NO PRESSURE CAN MODIFY THE ACCORD. O ESTADO ADDED THAT THESE DECLARATIONS WERE AFFIRMED IN BONN BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, WITH THE PROVISO THAT THE DOCUMENT STILL NEEDS EC APPROVAL, WHICH THESE OFFICIALS SEE AS NO PROBLEM SINCE THE ACCORD GUARANTEES THAT GERMAN TECHNOLOGY WILL NOT BE USED TO MAKE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. UEKI WAS ALSO QUOTED BY O ESTADO AS SAYING THAT ONE REACTOR WOULD GO TO THE NORTHEAST FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION.

3. O JORNAL REPORTED THAT THE COMPANIES WHICH WILL OPERATE THE REACTORS AND ENRICHMENT FACILITIES OBTAINED THROUGH THE ACCORD, AS WELL AS A NUCLEAR ENGINEERING COMPANY TO BE ESTABLISHED SOON, WILL UTILIZE PRIVATE CAPITAL IN THE FORMATION OF MIXED PUBLIC/PRIVATE ENTERPRISES, WITH NUCLEBRAS SERVING AS THE HOLDING COMPANY. O JORNAL ALSO REPORTED THAT BRAZIL WANTS TO CAPTURE PART OF THE WORLD MARKET FOR ENRICHED URANIUM.

4. O JORNAL QUOTED DEPT. SPOKESMAN ANDERSON AS SAYING THAT "US APPREHENSIONS ABOUT THE ACCORD HAVE NOT DIMINISHED." IN AN EDITORIAL, O JORNAL CRITICIZED OPPOSITION TO THE ACCORD AND SAID THAT NOTHING CAN ALTER BRAZIL'S PLEDGE OF SEVERAL YEARS STANDING TO EXPLORE NUCLEAR ENERGY AS AN ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCE, THE REASON NUCLEBRAS WAS CREATED. THE EDITORIAL ALSO REAFFIRMED THAT BRAZIL'S POLICY IS NOT ONLY TO IMPORT REACTORS, BUT EVENTUALLY TO BUILD ITS OWN,
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ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF BRAZIL'S URANIUM RESERVES (REF, PARA 2). THE COMMENTARY SAID THAT THE ATOM, IN ITS VARIOUS USES, IS A POWERFUL FACTOR FOR THE GROWTH OF COUNTRIES WHICH CAN APPLY THE TECHNOLOGY. FINALLY, IT CRITICIZED COUNTRIES WHICH STOCKPILE ATOMIC ARMS BUT SPEAK OF NUCLEAR CONTROL.

5. O ESTADO, IN A STORY DATEDLINE RIO DE JANEIRO REPORTED

THAT A RELIABLE SOURCE IN THE NUCLEAR ENERGY SECTOR REVEALED THAT FRANCE HAS DEMONSTRATED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN FURNISHING "KNOW-HOW" AND TECHNOLOGY TO BRAZIL FOR THE APPLICATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN SHIP PROPULSION SYSTEMS. ACCORDING TO O ESTADO, THE INFORMANT SAID THAT THE FIRST CONTACT MADE WAS DURING THE VISIT HERE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION, A GIRAUD, BUT SUCH CONTACTS ARE DESCRIBED BY THE INFORMANT AS VERY PRELIMINARY.

6. REGARDING SENATOR PASTORE'S COMMENTS, O ESTADO QUOTED BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR ARAUJO AS SAYING IN WASHINGTON THAT THE REMARKS ARE "UNFORTUNATE AND IMPROPER." REFERRING TO SENATOR PASTORE'S COMMENT THAT THE DEAL WOULD CREATE AN ATOMIC DANGER IN THE AMERICA'S "BACKYARD," ARAUJO WAS REPORTED BY O ESTADO AS SAYING THAT BRAZIL IS NOT IN ANYONE'S BACKYARD. O JORNAL REPORTED THAT, IN BRASILIA, DEPUTY PADRE NOBRE (MDB-MINAS GERAIS) SPONSORED A MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES WHICH "REPelled WITH VEHEMENCE PASTORE'S 'WORDS AND INTERFERENCE'". ALSO, IN PORTO ALEGRE, ACCORING TO O ESTADO, THE INFLUENTIAL MDB DEPUTY LELIA SOUZA CONDEMMED PASTORE'S REMARKS.

7. IN A RELATED STORY, O JORNAL REPORTED THAT ROMANIAN PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU, WHO IS CURRENTLY ON A STATE VISIT TO BRAZIL, AND PRESIDENT GEISEL SIGNED ON JUNE 5, A JOINT DECLARATION CALLING ON "THE URGENT ADOPTION OF EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR GENERAL DISARMAMENT AND, IN PARTICULAR, OF MEASURES FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT."

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